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SUBJECT: NATO MEETING: FOREIGN MINISTER AGUSTSSON
HOPES FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT

REF: REYKJAVIK 0646 AND PREVIOUS

HORDUR HELGASSON DEPUTY PERMSEC IN FOREIGN MINISTRY,
CALLED ME THIS AFTERNOON AFTER MY CONVERSATIONN WITH BJARNSSON
OF PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (REFTEL) TO SAY HE HAD TALKED
WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AGUSTSSON NOW IN LONDON. FOREIGN MINISTER
HAD ASKED ON LEARNING THAT PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE UNABLE TO
GO TO LONDON AND MEET WITH PRESIDENT WHETHER MEETING COULD BE
ARRANGED FOR HIM WITH PRESIDENT. HELGASSON ASKED FOR
MY REACTION. I TOLD HIM THAT I WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH
PRESIDENT' S COMMITMENTS AND WHETHER TIME ALLOCATED TO MEETING WITH
PRIME MINISTER MIGHT BE NEEDED FOR OTHER PURPOSES. I ALSO NOTED
PRESIDENT' S MEETINGS WERE
WITH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT IN ANY EVENT,
I WAS NOT IN POSITION TO ESTIMATE WHAT PROSPECTS MIGHT BE AND
SUGGESTED ICELANDIC EMBASSY LONDON RAISE MATTER
DIRECTLY WITH U.S. DELEGATION. HELGASON SAID HE WOULD
TELL THIS TO FOREIGN MINISTER BUT THAT HE HOPED MEETING WOULD BE
POSSIBLE; OTHERWISE, HE ADDED, QTE IT WOULD BE JUST ONE MORE
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BAD THING UNQTE.

COMMENT. I INTERPRET HELGASON' S CONCLUDING
REMARK AS REFERENCE TO U.S.
RESPONSE TO PRIME
MINISTER' S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN CONSTRUCTION
CIVILIAN AIR TERMINAL AT NATO BASE.

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